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1. U.S. MISSION ASKED TO FORWARD TEXT OF FOLLOWING LETTER
FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN TO PROFESSOR NITSCHKE.
ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR PROFESSOR NITSCHKE:

3. THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED ME TO REPLY TO YOUR LETTER OF
AUGUST 27, 1977 AND TO THANK YOU FOR THE ESSAYS WHICH YOU
ENCLOSED WITH YOUR EARLIER LETTER OF MARCH 1, 1977. WE ARE
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HAPPY THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE FREE AND HOPE THAT YOU
WILL CONTINUE THE IMPORTANT WORK EXEMPLIFIED BY THOSE
ESSAYS.

4. I HAVE WAITED TO REPLY TO YOU IN ORDER TO COMMENT ON
THE PROCEEDINGS AT BELGRADE. DETENTE AND THE ENHANCEMENT
OF HUMAN RIGHTS ARE NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE OBJECTIVES.

THEY SHOULD BE PURSUED IN TANDEM, AND IT IS FOR THAT REASON THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL PROVISIONS OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. OUR PURPOSE IN SPEAKING FRANKLY AT THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE ABOUT THE NEED FOR GREATER RESPECT FOR PRINCIPLE VII AND BASKET III WAS TO SIGNAL TO ALL CSCE STATES THE LONG-TERM U.S. COMMITMENT TO ENCOURAGE ALL GOVERNMENTS TO MEET THEIR HELSINKI OBLIGATIONS. EVEN WHEN THE CONFERENCE ENDS, THIS WORK WILL CONTINUE, AS WE MAKE OUR VIEWS ON HUMAN RIGHTS KNOWN TO THE GDR AND TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

5. I HAVE THE GREATEST RESPECT FOR YOUR COURAGE AND STRENGTH OF COMMITMENT. I WISH YOU EVERY HAPPINESS IN THIS NEW CHAPTER OF YOUR LIFE. SINCERELY, PATRICIA M. DERIAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS. END TEXT.

6. DEPARTMENT ASSUMES US MISSION BERLIN HAS FORWARDING ADDRESS FOR PROFESSOR NITSCHKE. WE ARE PREPARED TO FORWARD LETTER TO HIM ELSEWHERE IN EUROPE IF HE IS NOT PRESENTLY IN BERLIN. WE WILL HOLD UP POUCHING LETTER TILL COB FEB 16. PLEASE ADVISE.

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